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SUBJECT: LATEST DEVELOPMENTS REGARDING INDONESIAN DETAINEES

1. SUMMARY: ACCORDING TO FIGURES SUPPLIED US CONFIDENTIALLY BY GOI, 634 RELEASEES HAVE OPTED FOR RESIDENCE IN RESETTLEMENT CENTERS, PRINCIPALLY IN KALIMANTAN. ANOTHER 342 ARE ON WAITING LISTS. SALEMBA SOLITARY CONFINEMENT BLOCK IN JAKARTA HAS BEEN CLOSED ON REQUEST OF LAST ICRC TEAM. NEXT ICRC TEAM SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN MID-SEPTEMBER FOR THREE MONTHS OF VISITS TO SEVERAL ISLANDS, INCLUDING BURU. END SUMMARY.

2. AT OUR REQUEST THE COMMAND FOR RESTORATION OF SECURITY AND ORDER (KOPKAMTI) HAS PROVIDED US ON "VERY CONFIDENTIAL BASIS" WITH CURRENT LIST OF RELEASEES OPTING FOR RESETTLEMENT CENTERS. OF 634 NOW IN RESETTLEMENT CENTERS, OVER 80 PERCENT ARE GROUPED IN THREE PROJECTS IN SOUTH, EAST AND WEST KALIMANTAN. OF 342 REGISTERED TO GO TO RESETTLEMENT CENTERS, 312 ARE LISTED FOR SOUTH AND EAST KALIMANTAN RESETTLEMENT CENTERS. WEST KALIMANTAN RESETTLEMENT CENTER CONTAINS ENTIRELY EX-DETAINEES OF CHINESE ETHNIC ORIGIN (200). KOPKAMTI FIGURES INDICATE THAT LAND ALREADY CLEARED IS MORE THAN ADEQUATE FOR CURRENT AND PROSPECTIVE RESETTLERS (OVER THREE HECTARES PER RESETTLER IN SOUTH KALIMANTAN, OVER FOUR IN WEST KALIMANTAN, AND OVER
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EIGHT IN EAST KALIMANTAN). VERY LIGHTLY POPULATED RESETTLEMENT AREAS IN SULAWESI AND MOLUCCAS REPORTEDLY HAVE MUCH LARGER ACREAGE AVAILABLE. NINETY-SEVEN RELEASEES ORIGINALLY REGISTERING FOR NORTH SUMATRA AND WEST SUMATRA-RIAU RESETTLEMENT CENTERS HAVE WITHDRAWN THEIR REQUESTS, APPARENTLY LEAVING THESE CENTERS WITHOUT RELEASEE POPULATION.

3. CSIS STAFFER LIM BIAN KIE TELLS US THAT SOLITARY CONFINEMENT BLOCK IN SALEMBA (WHICH ASSISTANT SECRETARY PATT DERIAN SAW AND PUBLICLY DEPLORED) WAS CLOSED AT THE REQUEST OF THE LAST ICRC INSPECTION TEAM. LIM SAID TEAM HAD CONFIRMED CLOSURE ON ITS SECOND VISIT TO SALEMBA PRISON IN JAKARTA.

4. LIM STATED THAT FIFTEEN ICRC REPRESENTATIVES WILL RETURN TO INDONESIA AROUND SEPTEMBER 15. THEY WILL SPLIT INTO TEAMS TO VISIT DETENTION CENTERS AND RE-SETTLEMENT AREAS IN SUMATRA, HALMAHERA, THE MOLUCCAS AND BURU. THEY ARE SCHEDULED TO REMAIN FOR APPROXIMATELY THREE MONTHS.
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